

Communication for NCI-IDD internal transition

Dear Stakeholders,

Oversight of the administration of the National Core Indicators Adult Consumer Survey administered by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) will be transitioning from the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities within the Office of Community Living to the Client and Clinical Care Office, also within the Department. More specifically, staff within the Quality and Health Improvement Unit (QHI) will be managing the project effective October 15, 2015. The first cycle for which it will be responsible is FY 2015-16.

The Quality and Health Improvement Unit develops and implements quality strategies and projects in consultation with internal and external stakeholders. The Unit has a vested interest in advancing the health and health care for Colorado's vulnerable populations. Working with Managed Care and Fee-for-Service programs, the Unit focuses on establishing collaborative partnerships and consultative relationships to improve health care delivery and efficiency through quality initiatives.

In conducting the survey for the upcoming cycle, QHI will hire a vendor, Vital Research, to manage the activities associated with the survey. These activities include: interviewer recruitment and training, electronic data collection enhancement, project management, survey administration, and data analysis and reporting. All face-to-face interviews will be conducted by staff employed by Vital Research.

Vital Research successfully administered the NCI-AD (National Core Indicators- Aging and Disabilities) survey in Colorado for the FY 2014-15 cycle. Vital Research has also administered both the NCI-AD and the NCI-DD in other states with similar populations. The NCI-IDD (formerly the NCI Adult Consumer Survey) will be fielded in Colorado as early as November 2015.

The internal transition of the project to QHI will allow a more thoughtful, coordinated, and strategic approach to the continued success of the NCI survey. The QHI unit, in partnership with the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will continue to collaborate with internal and external staff to make the transition as seamless as possible. Information about the project will still be shared at stakeholder meetings and through email via the standard email communications funneled through staff within the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

If you would like more information about the NCI project, feel free to contact Danielle Culp at 303-866-5897 or email at Danielle.Culp@state.co.us.